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SUBJECT: Update on Torchiere Floor Lamps

DATE OF MEETING: September 22, 1999

PLACE OF MEETING: CPSC Headquarters, East West Towers, Room 715

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CPSC ATTENDEES:

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SUMMARY OF MEETING:

CPSC staff gave a brief overview of new halogen torchiere lamp requirements that became effective on June 1, 1999 in the UL standard.

Mr. Banwell of EPA gave introduction of their residential light fixture program, a cooperative effort between EPA and Department of Energy (DOE) known as "Energy Star." EPA's objective is to reduce air pollution by lowering fossil fuel emissions from electrical generating plants by lowering electrical demand through the use of energy-efficient consumer products.

Mr. Calwell, a consultant under contract with EPA, introduced several compact fluorescent torchiere models bearing the Energy Star label, which means they meet EPA standards for safety, energy efficiency, durability and illumination quality. These lamps are alternatives to halogen torchiere floor lamps. He also reported that they conducted several campaign trade-in events in several western cities. Quite often, the local utility company provided a rebate or cash incentive toward the purchase of the alternative product, which could be purchased at the time the old halogen torchiere was collected at the drop off site.

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